

**Application Instructions for Coverage under the General Permit
to Discharge Aquatic Pesticides Associated with the control of
Vegetation and Algae in Irrigation Systems**

Introduction

This is an instruction document for the preparation of an application, referred to as a Notice of Intent (NOI), for coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for discharges associated with the control of Vegetation and Algae in Irrigation Systems in Washington. This NPDES General Permit (hereinafter called the General Permit) applies to discharges to surface waters of the State.

Who Must Apply

Irrigation districts or irrigation water suppliers who apply herbicides to water in irrigation canals or ditches that flow to natural surface waters.

When to Apply

The permit application called a Notice of Intent (NOI) shall be submitted to Ecology within 90 days of the date of permit issuance and at least 30 days prior to the treatment date.

Where to Apply

Mail the signed NOI to the following Ecology office:

Washington Department of Ecology
Water Quality Program
Aquatic Pesticide Team
P.O. box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Fees

There is no application fee. You will be billed for permit fees after the permit is issued. Call (360) 407-6425 for questions relating to fees.

LINE-BY-LINE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE NOI

Please print in ink or type.

Completing the NOI; Notification of Coverage. The NOI is an official document committing the permittee to compliance with the requirements of the General Permit. It should be completed accurately, completely and legibly.

Change of Information: Check this box if information included in a previously submitted NOI application in which permit coverage was granted has changed. An example of a change could be a new contact person, billing address, or a lead applicator change. Include your assigned permit number in the upper right hand corner of the NOI. Your assigned permit number is in the upper right hand corner of the first (title) page of your permit. Complete only those sections of the NOI that require changes. Please submit a transmittal letter which confirms/explains the change of information in the NOI.

Permit Number: Use only if you are reporting a "Change of Information"

Section I - Permittees

Give the name of the irrigation district or company and the name(s) of the operators that will be providing the pesticide application services.

Section II – Mailing and Contact Information

Give the name, address, telephone number and e-mail of the person who will be doing the pesticide application and the other person which owns or legally represents the irrigation district or site. The contact person should be someone who is completely familiar with the site, and charged with overseeing compliance with the permit. The permit and all other correspondence will be sent to the mailing address provided.

Section III – Billing Address Information

Indicate where the annual and final permit fee invoices should be sent. Also provide a contact person and phone number of who can answer any questions on the billing invoices.

Section IV – Application Type

Check new permit if this is a new permit or if you are re-newing your permit, then check existing discharger if you are an irrigation district or applicator with a current program in place and are applying within 90 days of the issuance date of the permit. Check new discharger if this is a new irrigation district or a applicator that proposes to begin activities that will result in a discharge or potential discharge to waters of the state, on or after the effective date of the permit.. Check permit modification and provide the permit number if you have coverage and are requesting a modification to your coverage, i.e., add acreage, chemical(s) etc. and provide a reason for the modification.

Section V- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Complete this section only if you checked "New Discharger" or "Coverage Modification" box in Section IV.

New dischargers are required to do a SEPA review for the proposed control activities. Coverage modifications also need a SEPA review of the changes in coverage.

1. Check appropriate box. Provide the date the agency issued the determination.
2. Provide the name of the agency which issued the determination.
3. Check the type of SEPA document prepared, i.e., a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS), Determination of Significance (DS) or a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS).

Section VI – Waterbody System

1. Provide the common name of all waterbodies that will be receiving flow from the treated area(s) and the latitude and longitude in degrees, minutes, and seconds of the point where the treated waters enter the natural waters. Note: only one irrigation district may be proposed for treatment in this application.
2. Provide the information required. Information about ESA listings can be found in the attached list or on the Internet at <http://www.governor.wa.gov/esa/regions.htm> and <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/wlm/diversty/soc/etsc9907.pdf>. If your proposed treatment will have an adverse impact on a listed species, you may have to use an alternative or restricted treatment. In certain cases, Ecology may not be able to issue a permit.
3. The WRIA number is on the attached WRIA map. Also see http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/1998/1998_by_wrias.html for a general map (high resolution individual WRIA maps are being updated) and <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/wrias/index.html> for more detailed individual WRIA maps.
4. Provide the information required.
5. Attach map as required.

Section VII- Chemical Information

1. Check all that apply
2. Provide the information requested.

Section VIII- Regulatory Status (applicator information only)

Check boxes to confirm that you meet the Department of Agriculture's criteria for applying aquatic pesticides. Provide the necessary information.

Section IX- Best Management Practices (BMP's) Employed to Reduce Pollutants

1. Check the appropriate box
2. Provide the date only if the Plan has been accepted.
3. Provide information requested
4. Check the appropriate box. If you do not have a spill plan one will be required to be developed and implemented should a spill take place.
5. You must check this box

Section X- Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

- 1, 2. Check appropriate box(s).

Section XI- Certification

Sign and Date the Notice. The Notice must be signed by a representative of the irrigation district or company with signatory authority.